

## GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS.

## HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO STEM RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

Resistance becomes stronger and line of Russian advances more slowly. Fierce fighting for gateway to Lemberg.

Petrograd, June 14.—Great masses of Russian troops from north of the Polish frontier are being sent southward, stiffening the Austrian defense. The Russian advance has been less rapid and great resistance is offered at Lemberg, Poland, Bucovina, and other places. The Russian drive continues and other towns have been captured in the Galicia, Volhynia and Bukovina sections. Fierce fighting is going on at Tarnobrzeg in the Poles region, which will decide the fate of Lemberg.

## GERMAN LOSS NEAR MILLION.

Losses of Verdun Proves Costly.—The French government has announced that the losses of the French army in the Verdun battle of May 1916, were in excess of one million men.

Paris, June 14.—The violent bombardment of French positions continued by the Germans against Thiaumont, Vaux and the Châtré woods. Official figures put the German loss in two months in the Verdun battle at 750,000.

## BRITISH SHIP LOSS.

Destroyed Thirty War Craft Destroyed Since War Began.

London, June 14.—German newspapers have published official statistics showing the British naval losses since the war began. The report shows that they have lost eleven battleships, fifteen armored cruisers, thirty torpedo boats, twenty submarines and other small vessels, making a total of a hundred and ten before the July 1st battle. They lost more than twenty vessels since.

## GERMAN CAPTURE POSITIONS.

Positions Reported as Reported Attacks.

Paris, June 14.—The war office announced that the British have captured German positions near Silbich, south of the main front. Eight hundred British have been captured. Seven German prisoners were taken at Barnovitz.

## RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS.

German Destroying Communications.—The British have captured German communications near Silbich, south of the main front.

London, June 14.—The Russians have cut the Austrian railway coming from Csernawitz to the north. Heavy fighting is going on on the eastern, southeastern and northern outskirts of the city. British forces entered the German capital of the province of the same name in Persia on Monday, a Tehran dispatch states.

## GERMAN VESSELS ON RAID.

Amsterdam, June 14.—Seven German war vessels preceded by a Zepplin passed the Frisian Islands Tuesday night, going west.

## ITALIANS BOMBARD PARENZO.

Rome, June 14.—An Italian ship squadron has bombarded Parenzo, the Austrian port in Istria, the capital of that province.

## EVANS SUCCEEDS THILMAN.

Taken Place of National Committee for South Carolina.

Columbia, June 15.—John Gary Evans of Spartanburg has been elected Democratic national committeeman from South Carolina, according to advice received in Columbia yesterday. Mr. Evans is also state chairman. Mr. Evans succeeds Senator E. R. Tillman, who desired to retire from the national committee.

Committee assignments of the South Carolina delegation in the national Democratic convention at St. Louis were contained in a telegram received yesterday at the governor's office.

The delegation meeting in St. Louis elected Gov. Manning as chairman.

The following are the committee assignments: Committee on platform, E. D. Smith; committee on rules, Tristram T. Hyde; committee on credentials, W. P. Pollock; committee on permanent organization, L. D. Jennings. W. P. Pollock was named to succeed the nomination of President Wilson.

Bright Williamson was named as a member of the committee to notify President Wilson of his nomination. John P. Thomas, Jr., of Columbia was named as a member of the committee to notify the vice president.

## AVIATORS ACTIVE IN WAR.

Salonki, June 15.—Conflicts between the advance guards of the French and Bulgarians on the right bank of the Vardar is officially announced. German aeroplanes are bombarding the allies' positions at Gornjaci. French aviators have bombarded the Bulgarian encampments near Negorci, Strumnitsa and Petrich.

## TO STOP MAIL ANNOYANCES.

## BRITAIN TO EXPEDITE EXAMINATION PROCESS.

Foreign Office Believes Relief From Onerous Delays Will Prove Enough for America.

London, June 12.—Delays in the examination of mails which are due to faults in administration have been corrected, according to the British foreign office, which is working with the French government in the preparation of a reply to the American note. The foreign office feels that the chief American complaints are due to the application of the principle involved rather than to any divergence of opinion as to the right of the allies to examine mails and that the specific instances lie in the past.

The United States already has received assurances that the faults in question have been corrected.

Except for the brief summary published when the American note was made public in Washington none of its contents has been published in England.

## POINT OF PRINCIPLE.

Washington, June 15.—While Great Britain has indicated to the State department that examination of detained neutral mails would be expedited as much as possible department officials said tonight that the concession could be considered by this government as only a minor one, not affecting the question of right of seizure, over which the two governments have disagreed.

Intimations have reached the department that the British reply, now being prepared, would formally call attention to the steps taken to obviate delay in mail examination thus disposing of many specific complaints in the American protest but would not concede to the American position that the allies had exceeded their rights in extending their censorship outside territorial waters and had employed "unjustifiably inquisitorial" methods in enforcing it. It is understood that such a reply would be considered the short of meeting the situation.

## WILL COME TO SUMTER.

Orangeburg Folk to Attend Bible Conference.

Orangeburg, June 12.—Orangeburg district of the South Carolina conference will operate a special train over the Atlantic Coast Line railroad to Sumter on July 4 to attend the sessions of the Wesley Bible class conference. Orangeburg district is determined to make the banner showing at the conference. St. Paul's Methodist church of Orangeburg has two large and live Wesley Bible classes—one for the women and the other for the men. At least 200 will go from the city of Orangeburg and hundreds of others will go from Barnwell, Denmark, Bamberg, North, Cope, Branchville, St. George, Bowman, Ellerbe Holly Hill and other towns of the district. This conference to be held in Sumter will be a great one and the Sunday school workers of Orangeburg district are going to attend in gratifying numbers.

## DARLINGTON CONSCIENCE FUND.

Aged Person Finds Mistake and Sends in \$350 to Be Added to Taxes.

Darlington, June 13.—Mayor E. R. Cox this morning received a letter mailed at Darlington under special stamp and upon opening it he found three brand new \$100 gold certificates and one \$50 gold certificate enclosed in the following letter: "Have just discovered that, owing to a mistake long ago, \$350 belongs to the town. Just use with ordinary taxes." The letter is written in a very plain hand, though apparently that of an aged person, but there is nothing to indicate from whom the money is received.

Mayor Cox has turned the money over to the treasurer of the town.

## BOY DROWNS IN RIVER.

Harry Taylor of Spartanburg Loses Life.

Spartanburg, June 13.—Harry Taylor, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor of this city, was drowned in Linville river, near Linville Falls, N. C., this afternoon, according to a message received here tonight. He was a member of a camping party of boys accompanied by the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, rector of the Church of the Advent of this city, who left Spartanburg Monday morning. The message stated that the boy's body had not been recovered at midnight.

## Will Soon Complete School.

The work on the girls' high school will soon be completed, within about three weeks at least, if nothing unexpected turns up to stop or hinder work during that time. The tile for the closets has yet to be laid, the contractor having been obliged to wait on its shipment, and there is some more painting which still has to be done.

## PEOPLE MUST AID IN FIGHT.

## ANTI-SALOON LEADER ISSUES AN APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

Officers Cooperate in Enforcement—J. K. Breedin Says "Prohibition Has Justified All the Hopes of Its Advocates."

Columbia, June 13.—J. K. Breedin, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of South Carolina, returned to his office yesterday from a trip to St. Matthews, Wesley chapel, near St. Matthews, and the city of Orangeburg, where he addressed an open air meeting on the court house square, all the churches closing for the meeting. Mr. Breedin in making a special appeal to Prohibitionists to make their sentiment effective, not only in matters of legislation but so effective that no violators of the law may feel it as a potent restriction. Mr. Breedin urges the people of the State to use the machinery of government already in existence for the enforcement of the laws.

"It is an unwholesome condition," said Mr. Breedin, "for citizens to fail to invoke the aid of magistrates and sheriffs when conditions suggest the need of their services. All the machinery of government is in our hands ready for use—magistrates, sheriffs, grand juries. But while urging that all men be aggressive against violators of law, and not merely passive sympathizers, I find a most satisfying degree of progress on every hand, both in actual enforcement by officers and in the attitude of the men of the State. Only a small number of men are indifferent to strict enforcement. Most men want the law enforced and are now in favor of it. Some of the mayors have been especially vigorous in the prosecution of tigers, and some sheriffs have been conspicuously alert, and the people are supporting them heartily. We must remain alert, however, all the time."

"No law that touches closely the habits of men can be enforced efficiently unless the sentiment for the law is organized and aggressively asserted. South Carolina wants prohibition and prohibition has justified all the hopes of its advocates, for it has reduced crime and improved the public peace and order—the highest consideration of a State government. I would call attention to the obligation which rests on every law-abiding citizen to do his part for the betterment of the State by cooperating with the officers charged with the enforcement of the law. And we need not wait for the officials to act—we can be vigilant ourselves and report to a member of the grand jury any want of activity on the part of the peace officers. But the officers will always take vigorous action when a sufficiently impressive demonstration of sentiment is given to be measured in terms of political influence. I mean no reflection on the officers of any county, most of whom are conscientious, though not active except on complaint. That is more or less general throughout the State. I should like to see our magistrates and constables enter upon a campaign of tiger elimination and carry it to a relentless conclusion."

"But I especially appeal to the men of the State to be watchful of the order of their communities, to be vigilant against the stealth of blind tigers as abettors of the most contemptible class of criminals preying upon the public."

"We can not afford to be indifferent to the activity of pocket tigers and others. Let the men of the State call on the magistrates with proof and break up the evil, while it is only in its beginning."

## BISHOPVILLE WINS FIRST GAME.

Takes Opening Contest of Pee Dee League From Bennettsville, 1 to 0.

Bishopville, June 13.—Our long-looked for day has come and gone, and all of our preparation has not been in vain.

Bennettsville looked a sure winner, standing two to one in favor with all of the players seasoned veterans. They had been playing together for weeks, and had team work down fine. Bishopville had never played together, the players were barely acquainted with each other, yet they won the game played yesterday on our field by a score of 1 to 0.

Bishopville commenced playing baseball in 1877 and has been ever since, but not until now has she been satisfied with her showing.

The attendance was all that could be expected, some 100 autos were parked in and around the grounds besides the stands were filled. But for the thrills and downright painful excitement the game was clean and devoid of offense.

## HUGHES TALKS AMERICANISM.

Says He Is An Out and Out American.

New York, June 13.—Judge Hughes issued a statement today saying: "My attitude is one of undiluted Americanism. Anyone who supports me is supporting an out and out American and American policy."

## A CALL TO STATE MILITIA.

## MANNING POINTS OUT THAT THERE MAY BE CALL TO SERVICE.

Officers Believe South Carolina National Guard May be Ordered Out for Patrol Duty on Mexican Border.

Columbia, June 13.—In an executive order issued yesterday Gov. Manning called attention to the possibility of a call of the National Guard and the need of company commanders recruiting their organizations up to the authorized strength.

In view of the situation on the border the order is construed by guard officials to mean that the services of the National Guard of South Carolina may soon be needed for patrol duty on the Mexican boundary line.

Gov. Manning's order is as follows:

"In view of the probable call for the mobilization of the National Guard and naval militia of South Carolina for service in the near future, I deem it of the utmost importance that the officers and enlisted men in this State begin at once and in earnest, active preparations for increasing the strength and efficiency of the several commands."

"I do not believe that the citizens and soldiers of any State in the Union are more loyal and patriotic than those of South Carolina, and should the call come, it is my desire that the organizations from this State make the best showing by being the first to notify the president of our readiness and preparedness, both in men and efficiency, to respond to the call of duty in defense of our national honor."

"I desire this order read in the presence of each company and division and that the men be impressed with the urgent desirability and necessity for prompt, patriotic and enthusiastic action looking to increasing the strength and efficiency of the South Carolina National Guard and naval militia."

## C. OF C. ACTIVITIES.

Number of Matters Considered at the Meeting Monday Afternoon—Want Men to Drill—Would Move Jail—Want Causeway Over Watercourse—Would Restore Pullman.

The Chamber of Commerce had a very interesting meeting of its directors on Monday afternoon, when a number of matters of general interest to the community were discussed. Among these matters were preparedness, the providing of railroad conveniences, the need of building up the Garner's Ferry and the removal of the county jail to another site.

The meeting heartily endorsed a resolution offered that the business men of Sumter give their employees opportunity to attend drills of the local militia company and encourage their employees to become members of the company, if they have not already joined. Drills are held regularly on Monday nights and each man present gets one dollar per drill.

The Chamber of Commerce discussed the matter of restoring the Pullman coach on the Charleston—Columbia A. C. L. trains and the secretary was instructed to take the matter up with the commercial organizations of Charleston and Columbia to aid the Sumter organization in restoring this convenience for the traveling public.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Lemmon, Harby and Booth was appointed to consult with the jail commission concerning the removal of the jail from the present location to some other site. It was considered best to have this done before the new jail was built. Supervisor Pitts stated that the act, as passed, carried the provision that the new jail be built on the same lot, but it was urged by members of the Chamber that some action be taken towards its removal.

## GOES TO WEST POINT.

President Wilson Off for Cadet Commencement.

New York, June 12.—President Wilson arrived here from Washington at 10:15 o'clock tonight.

The party was met at the station by Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York. Collector Malone took President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson in an automobile to the Seventy-ninth wharf in the Hudson river, where they boarded the yacht Mayflower. The Mayflower will lie in the Hudson river off New York tonight and early tomorrow morning will start for West Point, where the president is to address the graduates of the military academy.

## HUGHES HOLDS CONFERENCES.

Republican Candidate Busy With Politicians in New York.

New York, June 13.—Judge Hughes held many political conferences today. He is expected to remain in New York until June 20. Col. Roosevelt arrived in the city today but there has been no intimation that he will confer with Hughes.

## TO OPERATE KAOLIN PLANT.

## HEAD OFFICE OF BIG CONCERN WILL BE AT SUMTER.

Southern Clay Company Will be Incorporated with Capital of \$75,000—A. C. Phelps, R. L. Wright and E. M. Hall Petitioners—Property Purchased at Blaney and Horrell Hill.

From the Daily Item, June 13.

A plant of some considerable size will soon be placed in operation by Sumter business men, who have petitioned the secretary of State to issue them a commission for the proposed enterprise, which will be known as the Southern Clay Company and will have a capital stock of \$75,000. The petitioners for the commission are A. C. Phelps, R. L. Wright and E. M. Hall, all of Sumter, which will be the head office of the plants.

The Sumter gentlemen have purchased out the holdings at Blaney, a point on the Seaboard Air Line between Columbia and Camden, and at James Crossing, near Horrell's Hill, a point on the Coast Line between Sumter and Columbia, of parties who have been operating kaolin plants at those places. The new concern will mine the kaolin at these places and will deal in crude and refined clay, disposing of their products at various manufacturing plants throughout the country.

Heretofore the plants at these places have been worked in a manner by their former owners, but have not been successful. The new owners expect to operate them on a much larger scale and as they are experienced and successful business men, it is very probable that they will make a success out of the undertaking.

Mr. Phelps stated this morning that the Maynard-Simmons company of Atlanta had been secured as the construction architects and engineers for the plants, but the superintendents had not yet been decided upon. The new concerns will begin their operations on the new scale as soon as they can secure their charter and attend to all of the numerous details connected with the beginning of such an enterprise.

## CONSPIRACY CHARGE HEARD.

Charles A. Fresch of New York Granted Preliminary Before Magistrate E. W. Hollman.

Barnwell, June 12.—A preliminary hearing was held here today in the case of the State against Charles A. Fresch of New York, charging conspiracy to remove and carry beyond the jurisdiction of the court a certified check for \$2,000 after attachment proceedings to seize said check had been issued and served. Magistrate E. W. Hollman has reserved his decision.

## RUSSIANS NEAR LEMBERG.

Offensive Threatens the Fortified Capital of Galicia.

Petrograd, June 13.—The Russians in Galicia have advanced so far to the north that they are threatening to invest Lemberg, the fortified capital of the province. It is believed that the Austrians will defend the city, but will require the civilians to evacuate the city. The city is the main objective of the Russian offensive. The Austro-German defense is strengthening.

## GERMANS CAPTURE TRENCHES.

French Admit Loss of Position East of Hill 321.

Paris, June 13.—Following a violent attack west of Thiaumont the Germans penetrated the French trenches east of Hill 321, it is officially admitted. Other German attacks in the Verdun region were repulsed.

## BULGARIAN TOWNS BOMBARDED.

French and English Warships Shell Bulgarian Coast.

Saloniki, June 13.—French and British warships are bombarding the Bulgarian coast between Dedagach and Potolagos. The population is fleeing.

## GERMAN ADVANCE IN FRANCE.

Gain Ground Near Douaumont in Verdun Sector.

Berlin, June 13.—The Germans have advanced southwest of Douaumont on the Verdun front, the war office announces. Russian attacks west of Strypa have been repulsed.

## RIOTS IN VIENNA.

Hungry Women Have All Night Battle With Police.

London, June 13.—There were food riots in Vienna all night, according to Berne, Switzerland, reports. Most of the rioters were women and when policemen tried to disperse them great fighting followed.

King George, Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra, Ambassador Page and all the big government officials attended the Kitchener memorial services in St. Paul's church today.

## CONTRACT LET FOR LIBRARY.

## CARNEGIE BUILDING TO BE ERECTED ON RYTENBERG LOT BY J. M. HARBY.

Structure Will Be of Hollow Building Type, Faced With Dixie Texture Brick and Ornamented With Terra Cotta Trimmings—Cost Will Be \$10,000 for Completed Building.

The contract for the Carnegie Library for Sumter has been let to J. M. Harby and work on the building will commence as soon as the plans have been approved by the Carnegie Board and returned to the contractor.

The cost of the building complete, which includes all of the structure, the heating system and furniture, will be \$10,000, which amount will be forwarded by the Carnegie Board when they approve the plans and contract. In addition to this amount the City of Sumter has agreed to give \$1,000 annually for the upkeep of the library.

The Carnegie library will be a one-story twenty-eight by sixty feet building with a basement. It will be erected on the Ryttenberg lot, just to the left of where the Ryttenberg house now stands. It will face on Liberty street and will be about twelve feet back from the sidewalk, having stone steps leading up directly into lobby of the building. The structure itself will be of hollow building tile reinforced and faced with Dixie texture brick. The building will be ornamented with architectural terra cotta, the dark brick and white of the terra cotta furnishing a pleasing contrast to the eye.

The first floor of course will be given over to the library. In the basement will be a lecture room, a ladies' rest room, a men's toilet, furnace and supply rooms. The contract was let at a recent meeting of the library commission to Mr. J. M. Harby, a Sumter contractor.

The architects are Messrs. J. H. Johnson of Sumter and N. G. Walker of Rock Hill, who are associated in the work.

While it is impossible to say how long it will be before the plans for the building and contract are approved by the Carnegie board, Mr. Harby states that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy in six months time.

## INDIAN'S LECTURE PLEASING.

Prince Ram Singh Makes Favorable Impression on Large Audience.

Prince Ram Singh, formerly of India but temporarily of the United States, made a very pleasing talk at Trinity Methodist church on Sunday afternoon to a large audience upon whom he made a very favorable impression. Mr. Derrick, the Christian name given Prince Ram Singh upon his conversion, told of his service in the German army and navy, of his conversion and of his efforts to secure medical and theological training in the United States in order to return to his country, India, as a medical missionary.

Prince Ram Singh's story was told in terse succinct English, which language the visitor speaks fluently, as he does eight other languages. In fact at one time he was engaged as an interpreter when a large concern of Wilmington was employing hundreds of foreigners in its undertaking. It was told in a manner which pleased those who heard him and his references to his conversion and acceptance of the Christian faith, for which he gave up his parents, his right to ascend to the throne as rajah of Lucknow province as ruler over thirty-one millions of people and all of the luxuries which accompanied this high office, were told in such an earnest and sincere manner as to touch his auditors.

The Indian is endeavoring to complete his course at the medical department of the University of Virginia and to take a theological course at Atlanta in order that he can return to India to teach the people there the faith that he has learned.

## RUSSIANS DRIVING ON.

Steadily Nearing Kovel, Lemberg and Czernowitz in Galicia.

Petrograd, June 13.—The Russians are steadily nearing the three goals of their offensive—Kovel, Lemberg and Czernowitz. The only place at which they have been even temporarily halted is Bucza on the Strypa river. It is admitted that Austrians checked them there, but the resistance has now been overcome.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Master to I. C. Strauss, Henry Weinberg, Isaac Strauss and the estate of M. Moise, tracts of 69 acres, 164.1 acres and 88 acres in county, \$50.

Master to I. C. Strauss, et al. tract of 54 acres on Shiloh public road, \$50. Perry Moses, Jr., trustee, to Mrs. Sudie W. Rowland, lot on Washington street, \$3,500.

D. R. McCallum to J. D. Blanding, two lots on Salem Avenue, \$1,200.

Sarah G. Ellis and Ada E. Lowry to the City of Sumter, strip of land on Dugan street, \$1.00.